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CONCERNING FRAUD.

Mr. W. R. Richey, Jr., is a lawyer, and he presumably knows the rules of law. He excuses himself from voting in the Democratic Executive Committee for the nomination of Governor Manning on the ground that his nomination in the second primary was procured by fraud.

Mr. Richey is correct in asserting that fraud vitiates all things. The law so declares. But Mr. Richey says nothing about the principle that "he who alleges fraud must prove it." And he does not recognize the legal principle that a contract or a nomination, alleged to be procured by fraud is presumed to be free from fraud, and that we must stand on that presumption until the presumption is overcome by proof as ADJUDGED BY THE TRIBUNAL AUTHORIZED TO PASS ON THE ISSUE.

Upon this principle Governor Manning's nomination is at least presumably free from fraud. That presumption stands until somebody alleges and proves fraud before the only tribunal designated to try that issue—THE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. And when Mr. Richey undertakes to say that he is not bound by the votes cast in the recent primary without undertaking to allege and PROVE fraud before that tribunal HE FORGETS HIS LEGAL LEARNING.

LET DEMOCRATS REGISTER.

The talk of a bolt from the Democratic party in this state continues to be heard. We do not believe that there will be a bolt by Mr. Bleas. Heretofore, he has accepted the decree of the people of the state at the polls, and, so far as we know, he has never accused his followers of being bought with money, bribed by liquor or scared into voting for men who did not represent their choice. We do not anticipate that he will do so now.

But, nevertheless, it is the duty of every democrat in the state to register and be prepared for the bolters, if they came. More than one hundred and thirty-five thousand voters have pledged themselves, on their word of honor "to abide the result of the primary." These same people by their representatives have constituted the State Executive Committee as their tribunal to determine who is nominated to an office. Their tribunal has said that Richard I. Manning is the nominee for Governor. It is the duty of the men who thus pledged themselves to live up to the obligations of the pledge. And they can only do so by preparing themselves to vote against all bolters, and by voting against them.

For this reason, and to allow all men in the state the opportunity to register, the books of registration will be kept open at the court house until the evening of the 7th, inst. If there are those who propose to bolt, they may keep their plans under cover until it is too late for democrats to register. This makes it all the more important that you be prepared to cast your vote in the general election. Democrats should register today.

THE PRICE OF LAND.

We have had occasion, heretofore, to advise the young men of the county to buy land. We refer of course to the young men on the farms, who expect to make farming a lifetime occupation.

Just now lands are not on a boom. The hard times of the last year or two have made the people more than cautious. But they will not always remain so. When a man may buy an acre of land, and on one year's operations pay for the labor of raising a crop, and make a net profit from the year's work in addition sufficient in amount to pay for the

land itself, you may expect that land will soon be in large demand and that prices will go higher than they have been in the past.

Lands have always been cheap in Abbeville county as compared with prices paid in other counties. While the prices are still low it is time to buy. There is no better and no more stable investment anywhere than the lands of Abbeville county. The young man of the county, who would be a success as a farmer, and be a part of the community in which he lives, should own his own home. Now is the opportune time to buy. The lands are cheap—the money to buy is plentiful. The day of opportunity is at hand.

BEAUTIFYING THE CITY.

The City of Abbeville should own at least three or four small parks. There is nothing which adds so much to the beauty of a city as well-kept parks and play-grounds, to say nothing of the pleasure and comfort it gives the children in the hot days of summer.

The city is clearing up the lands about the Water and Light Plant, and converting this undesirable section of the city into beautiful grounds for the pleasure of the people. The work is a commendable one, and we hope and believe that the people of the city will duly appreciate what is being done.

But this park is so far from some parts of the city that the people of these sections will not benefit by its maintenance. For that reason other small parks should be opened in the city. And no better park could be acquired by the people of the city than Klugh's Park. This property is now being advertised by the owners. It may be bought at a reasonable price we believe. We would like to see the people of the city buy it by private subscription and present it to a Board of Trustees for the benefit of the white children of the city. Two persons have stated to the writer that each would give as much as one hundred dollars for this purpose. Are there not others who are willing to make a donation to this worthy cause?

The Press and Banner would be glad to receive pledges from the citizens of Abbeville who are interested in beautifying the city, and in providing playgrounds and a park for the children as well as the older people.

A CARD FROM DOTE.

Mundy nite, Oct. ii.
 dear editorial, —Mi friend mr. Henri Power of antervul which is a trew blew demmercrat, wus in ther sitty sattidy and he ses ter mee that the pres en banar are gittin in ther swim ergin wif me in it, an as i likes ter see miself in print i takes mi pen in han ter drap you a few spasms of ther latest doap on ther sittiashun.

Talkin bout ther lection questun i wus out at cusin Coot's sattidy nite an we wus talkin bout ther rais for ther kurriner in which Cute thort i wus tellin a ly when i spoke of ther ant hill full of lyres in a rais. I gess cusin coot and sum of ther uther knose that col. Dote smith knose what he is talkin bout in a rais now. Well Cusin Cute said as whut puzzled him bout a lechshun wus why they called her a champagne. He said arter it are oaver it seams ter him that it shoold be named plane "lick'er." ennyway Cute got licked.

i thort at ther time that Cute shoold hev taken on Stoa as his champagne orratu. i kno now that Stoa wood a bin a grate help ter Cute. Cute has ther sents hisself better than stoa, but you know the wimmin cuts a big figgur in a kurriner's rais. You sea that if ther husbands gits kilt they wants a good man ter sit on ther kais. well Cute wus nevar no success with ther wimmin like me an Stoa, an i feels shore that hed Stoa bin in ther thick of ther fite ter hand aut ther chat ter ther ladies an kiss ther babies we wood have bin betar standin in ther rais. but ennyway i has cum ter ther konclusion sints mi rais an cusin kute's thet ther kurriner is fur a crippal man or a Konfederack soldeer, and i sed so ter Cute sattidy nite.

When it gits hoam sattidy nite i finds that i have changed colars with Dr. Jax presslie. no his naim wus not on ther colar which i had on but his ritin wus and i knode his handritin soon as i seed it and so did lizzie. well the way we got ther colars mixed wus not that we spent ther nite tergether and changed ther colars when we got up but dr. Presslie calls me inter his offis sattidy evenin and he had a felar in there which owed him an he sed as how he wanted me ter help him kerlect ther bill. So we took off our cotes and colars and

got reddy ter doo ther collectin and jist then he paid an we put our colars back on, when he got them mixt. well i gess Major long or sum uther man wants ter kno whut wus on Dr. Jax colar, and i will tell him, it sed on one Paige "drunk ergin," and on ther uther "i is a fool," which he nead not of tole, lizzie sais, es evry boddie kpose that now, so mutch fur dr. Jax.

has you seed ther new stiles in ther windars of ther toun. Lizzie has, and that is wher i gits off. it seams ter mee that ther man which maiks ther stiles, or ther ladie it wus last year with a purtie ankal, has it in fur ther po'r man all ther time. Fust it are a big hip and then it air no hip atall, then it air a trane, and then it air a thenin sute length, an it air ther long waiste and then ther short waiste. It seam ter mee that ther demmercratic parties shoold talk no-tis of ther changin stiles and as it are fur ther pore man as well as fur ther labrin man it shoold pass a law that the stiles kennot be changed till ther last year's dress is wared out, jist like she handled ther ralerode strike. it seams ter mee that the presidint shoold hev as mutch ter doo with savin a poar man's munny arter it air maid as with helpin ter raise his waiges, an i lows ter run fur ther legerlatur on ther chaing of stiles, and i will win too if i kin keap out of lizzie's way, an if ther GALLEY—20 ----v ----i. idy wimmin don't git ter voutin befoar ther rais are oaver. Munro Wilson shoold think about this, an if he wood thro in a few wurd's bout this with ther germun submerreen he wood maik a grate hit in Greenwood kountie and Glassie mountane township and Tirzer, S. C. All this chaingin of stiles is kontrarie ter ther skripturs. I heerd dr. Maffax of Du West preech a sermton on Paul and he sed as how Paul wus no man fur stile, an neether is Dr. Moffax nor Dote. And evry uther man shoold git in ther fite ter whip this stile bizness which is wuss then a sumar drouth on a cotan patch or a bunch of caterpillers on a mulberry tree.

well i must ansar ther last letar which i got from ther gunnar Mannin so i will cloas fur ther nite.

yourn, Dote.

J. A. W.—Dix Sonly gits a letar frum Stoa which reads as folars:

"I am very glad to notice in that paper of all papers, (of course it is not necessary to mention the name) that Uncle Dote is still flourishing his literary pen, and that he is now using his best efforts with the "guvner" to get the Buy Now and Pay Later KING a job as his office boy for that great official. You may tell Dote that I will use my best offices if he should need me to help land that boy "Kar" the job. Also tell him that King Cole needs some one to help him weep and Albert Henry can sure fill the bill." stoa is cummin up soon ter sell mee a ordermorebill.

Dote.

MCCORMICK.

McCormick, Oct. 2.—Miss Leslie Newman of Greenwood, is visiting friends in McCormick.

Mr. W. K. Charles visited in Columbia last week.

Miss Ruby Roberts has returned home after visiting relatives in Evans, Georgia.

Mr. E. P. Miller of Bennettsville, is spending a few days here with his parents, at the Methodist parsonage.

Mrs. C. C. Fuller and children visited in Greenwood last week.

Miss Marian Sturkey left last Friday for Shiloh, in Sumter County, where she will teach school this session.

Mrs. W. F. Hardy and daughter, Miss Lula, of Lincoln county, Ga., spent several days here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Huguley of Anderson, spent the week-end here with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Huguley.

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